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A. D., 1903.

Present John V. Carney, Judge. Present John V. Carney, Judge.
strument, purporting to be the last Will
ament of John Burke late of Bennington
district, deceased, being present
J. V. D. S. Merrill, for the executor
named, for Probate, it
do by said Court, that all persons contherein, be notified to appear at a sesspect, to be held at the Probate of
demington, in said District, on 26th
lec. A. D. 1963, at 10 o'clock in the fore
at show cause, if any they have, against
pate of said Will; for which purpose it is
ordered that this order be published
leks successively in the Banner and Rea newspaper printed at Bennington, in
e, previous to said time of hearing.

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the Court. Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

ISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Estate of JOHN H DAILEY.
dersigned, having been appointed by
Probate Courtfor the District of Ben Probate Court for the District of Ben-Commissioners, to receive, examine at all claims and demands of all per-inst the estate of John H. Dalley, late-bury in said district, deceased, and all thitited in offset thereto, hereby give at we will meet for the purpose afore e late residence of the said John H. Dal-thday of Dec. 1903, and 17th day of May n 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 v'clock M. aid days, and that six months from ay of Nov. A. D. 1903, is the time limit-Court for said creditors to present as to us for examination and allow-Bennington, this 7th day of Dec

J. ED. WALBRIDGE, PATRICK T. GRIFFIN,

te of Mary A. Lane Settlement and Application for Distribution.

Distribution.
TE OF VERMONT, In Probate strict of Bennington, ss. Court, held at obate office in Bennington within and for strict of Bennington aforesaid on the 7th Dec. A. D. 1908, esent, JOHN V. CABNEY. Judge, w. A. Bottum administrator with the nuexed of the estate of Mary is, late of Shaftsbury in said deceased, presents his administration for examination and allowance, and pplication for a decree of distribution ition of the estate of said deceased, on it is ordered by said Court, that unt and said application be referred to thereof, to be held at the Probate Oficial on the 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, ng and decision thereof the day of Dec. A. D. 1903, ng and decision thereof be given to interest the publication of the sairs in the first of the Banner and February of the sairs in the first of the Banner and February of the sairs in t

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Francisconomonamentendronamente 🎗 Fred Eddy was in Albany on business Monday

Miss Rose LaDue arrived on Saturday evening. Mrs Taylor of Manchester is a guest

of Mrs Wm Bourn. Miss Clara Hawkins spent Sunday

with friends in Arlington. Fredrick Babson moved his family

to North Bennington last week. Mrs.L. W. Cole has been suffering from neuralgia for several days. The ground is sparingly covered

with snow. Temperature quite mild. Prof Dinsmore arrived from his vacation of two weeks on Saturday

Arrangements have been made to give our Sunday school children a Christmas Tree.

Fredrick Van Orman of Cheshire, Mass., was in town last week looking after teachers.

Fred Dunn has been confined to the house by illness. He was up for the | for a few weeks. first time on Sunday for several days. Miss Nora Millingion visited her home here Sunday, also her sister

Rev Mr Mayer was here on Friday and Saturday evenings, a good house gathered to hear the earnest speaker.

Mrs Frank Harris was tendered a birthday anniversary last Wednesday. | den's. She was the recipient of several nice presents.

Rev Merrill Hitchcock was at White for the winter. Creek and Hinsdalevill M. E. Churches on Sunday to administer the communions for Rev Mr Mayer.

On Wednesday evening at "Cole them. Hall" under the auspices of the Epworth League, A Lincoln Kirk an Impersonator will give an entertain-

Miss Jennie Hastings had an opportunity last week to accept a position in a school in Clarksbury, Mass. Owing to the impaired health of her aunt, Miss Aurilla Galusha who is their

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housekeeper, she reconsidered and will take the school that she taught last summer at Center Shaftsbury.

Louis Mattison arrived home on ! Saturday night as a witness in the Mattison-Tessier case. P. C. Eddy was summoned from Rensselaer on Monday morning as a witness on same case.

Miss Belding the Deaconess who has been here about two weeks expects to leave here on Monday. The series of meetings though not thronged have Dec. A. D. 1903 been very well attended, and considerable interest awakened.

Monthly business meeting of the V. 1. Society on Monday evening, P. Barton was elected by the Sunday school as a delegate to the Sunday school convention to be held at Bennington on Tuesday. Mrs Merrill Hitchcock and Rev W. E. Thompson

## ARLINGTON

Miss Florence Holden is quite ill Work is progressing quite rapidly on the town hail.

Frank Tefft of New York is bome Mrs E. C. Woodworth spent one day

in West Arlington last week. A. F. Bump and Sidney Squires

were in Troy one day last week. Mrs E. M. Lathrop and Mrs M. L. Houghton spent Friday in Albany.

nington spent Sunday at G. B. Hoi-Harry Lathrop and family have

Mr and Mrs E. H. Holden of Ben-

moved in with Mr Lathrop's mother

The village schools closed on Friday with exercises by the children, which were enjoyed by all who heard

EAST ARLINGTON

It is said that we have bad 17 days of cold freezing weather.

Preparations are being made in the schools to celebrate Christmas. More announcements later.

Mrs Furness and Dea. Safford were elected delegates to attend the Sunday school convention in Bennington. The ice man is at work this early

and some fine ice is reported to have been cut. Some of the blocks were eight inches thick. Miss Nellie Keboe is at present quite

poorly and unable to continue her work. Miss Kehoe is stuying at Mrs A. R. Brown's Mrs Delos Mattison and her son

Perley left town on Thursday, for North Adams where they made a short happy, too. stay, on their way to their home in Seymour, Ct.

John Olin and son of Shaftsbury has been about here for some time sawing wood. Mr Olin has a gasolene engine and makes short work of the wood-pite, to the great relief of the small boy.

Rev and Mrs Furness, Mrs Frank Grant and Mrs L. D. Dean drove to articles bought at one-third of Manchester last Thursday to attend the Installation services of Rev John Barstow. They report a very interesting meeting.

It is reported that the death of Mrs Austin Seely, formerly of Arlington, occurred last week in Chicago. Also, that Mrs Fadden is very ill. Her son Adoniram has gone to visit her in-Northern Vermont.

Three prisoners broke out of the Washington county jail in Montpelier Saturday night. They made their escape by catting through a steel winbar in the woman's ward at the end of the jail. One of the men een located but large.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Estate of MARTHA E. AUSTIN
The undersigned, having been appointed by
the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Ben
ington, COMMISSIONERS, to receive, exam
ine, and adjust all claims and demands of all
persons against the estate of Martha
E. Austin late of Bennington in said
district deceased, and all claims
district deceased, and all claims E. Austin late of Bennington in said district. deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid at the Walhoomase Inn. Bennington Center, Vt. in said district of Bennington on the 7th day of January, 1904 and 28th day of May, 1904 next, from 2 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. each of said days, and that six months from the 1st day of Dec. A. D. 1909, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

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Village To James Re tland, a forder resident, was riday.

H. H. Lee o Rutland was among the visitors to the village, Friday.

Thomas P. Brownell was attending the sessions of the county court Fri-

Miss Myrtle Taylor is employed as clerk in the Combination Cash store for the holidays. Miss Jennie Summersgill is ill. A

specialist was called from New York the first of the week to see her. Deputy sherifff Morrissey of Stamford was here Friday and Saturday

attending sessions of the court. The celling and side walls in the rooms of the First National Bank have been retinted the past week.

Robert Morse who has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever at the home of Mrs Eleanor Houghton is re

Miss Cora Whitney head teacher in the seventh ward school is seriously ill. She was taken ill in Albany but was able to be brought home.

The annual meeting of Odd Fellow's lodge in Bennington County will be held in Odd Fellows hall the evening of December, 16th.

Albert W. Davitt owner of the Mohawk Knitting mill at Cohoes is a bankrupt. Among his creditors is Frank Lasher of this village who has a claim for a patent infringement.

H. Harry Levin is confined to the hed by an injury received while in New York last week. While stepping from a car, be struck his leg against the ourb and injured it severely.

John LaCrosse of Manchester who has been in jail here since August 12, charged with larceny of money from Charles Clark, was released Monday. the case against him having not been pressed at the request of the state's attorney.

"King Jollity" a spectacular mu sical production is to be given in Bennington in the near future by local talent, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. It will be under the direction of Prof E. Wales of Brattlevoro, who has given it with great success in other places.

Hon, and Mrs LeGrand C. Tibbits sailed from New York Thursday, on the White Star Line steamer Cedric for Liverpool. After visiting London, Paris, the Rivera and other points they will proceed to Rome, where they intend passing most of the winter.

The remains of John Lyons who died in the retreat at Brattleboro reached here Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was 33 years of age death was due to softing of the brain. He leaves a wife and two daughters. His funeral was attended from St Francis de Sale's church Thursday morning interment being at Bennington Center

Several farmers in the vicinity have recently received communications from a charitable organization in New York asking them if they would pick up the apples under the trees and send them to the city there to be distributed among the poor. One farmer wrote back that he would be glad to do so but that he was going to send them to the navy department to be used as solid shot as they were frozen hard gains.

enough to be used for that purpose. The Rutland Railroad company has demolished the old depot at Petersburg. It was hoped that a new station would be erected this fall, but it is understood the company will defer building until spring. In the meantime, a delapitated car answers the purpose of a passenger depot, while a freight car takes the place of a freight house. The people of this section are hopeful of the speedy materialization of the electric railroad from Troy to Williamstown, which has already been survey.

William Butler who is in jail at Burlington, tried to escape Sunday evening, but was soon returned to his cell and is now nursing a broken head given him by an officer. He thinks he will remain in jail and .do his time without further complaint.

charge is made against Montpelier police by a who claims that when he called for assistance from the police they did not respond and would not arrest his man when he carried him himself to the police station.

While Mrs Harley Martin of Williamstown and her sister, Miss Gertrude Martin were driving near the railroad station at South Barre last Friday night, their horse became frightened and ran into another team, upsetting the occupants of both. Mrs Martin was rendered unconscious and bus since remained in that condition. The others received only slight injur-

Seth Dean, a farmer, was struck by a train on the Deleware and Hudson Railroad near Castleton Thursday morning, and instantly killed. The body, which was dragged about six rods, was badly mangled, both legs being ground to pieces. Dean was seventy-two years old and is survived by a wife and one son, J. S. Dean,

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